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YOUR COMMENT, PARA 6, MOST HELPFUL. A PARADOX IS AT WORK HERE. WOULD IT BE HELPFUL TO POINT OUT TO THOSE THOUGHT-FUL MEXICANS WHO COMPLAIN AGAIN ABOUT EXECUTIVE DISCRETION THAT IF THESE MATTERS ARE DETERMINED BY THE CONGRESS, WITHOUT EXECUTIVE DISCRETION, THE RESULT OFTEN IS A PROVISION LIKE THE OPEC PROVISION. IT IS FAR BETTER THAT THE EXECUTIVE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO GRANT PREFERENCES, COUPLED WITH THE DISCRETION TO WITHHOLD THEM IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS WHICH THE CONGRESS DEEMS ADVERSE TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST, THAN HAVE THE CONGRESS LEGISLATE THE QUESTION DEFINITIVELY, SINCE IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES THE CONGRESS, IF FORCED TO MAKE A CHOICE WILL, IN THESE PARLOUS TIMES, OFTEN CHOOSE THE MORE RESTRICTIVE AND ILLIBERAL OPTION. KISSINGER

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